

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

February 2010

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 percent between January 2010 and February 2010 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.4 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.1 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the February All-items Index increased from January 2010 primarily due to higher prices for traveller accommodations, travel tours, rent and natural gas. Prices also rose for men's clothing, women's clothing and footwear.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for gasoline, furniture, prescribed medicines and personal care supplies and equipment. Prices also fell for inter-city transportation, sugar and confectionery and fresh fruit.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.0 percent between February 2009 and February 2010 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.6 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.3 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The February All-items Index increased from February 2009 primarily due to price increases for gasoline, electricity, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles and passenger vehicle insurance premiums. Prices also rose for rent, food purchased from restaurants and traveller accommodations.

These increases were partially offset by price decreases for natural gas, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance and property taxes (including special charges). Prices also fell for furniture, fresh vegetables, women's clothing and home entertainment equipment – parts and services.

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**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

	<u>Index</u> <u>Feb. 2010</u> (2002 = 100)	<u>Jan. 2010</u>	Percent Change	
			<u>Jan. 2010</u> to <u>Feb. 2010</u>	<u>Feb. 2009</u> to <u>Feb. 2010</u>
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	117.7	117.5	0.2	1.0
Food	121.7	122.2	-0.4	1.0
Shelter	138.7	138.6	0.1	-1.6
Household Operations and Furnishings	102.4	103.0	-0.6	-0.4
Clothing and Footwear	96.3	93.9	2.6	-0.9
Transportation	110.1	110.7	-0.5	4.3
Health and Personal Care	112.5	114.1	-1.4	3.4
Recreation, Education and Reading	105.2	102.9	2.2	2.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	135.0	134.6	0.3	2.8
All-Items Excluding Energy	116.6	116.3	0.3	1.2
Energy	127.9	128.7	-0.6	-0.5
CANADA				
All-Items	115.6	115.1	0.4	1.6
Food	122.7	122.3	0.3	1.2
Shelter	121.8	121.8	0.0	-1.1
Household Operations and Furnishings	108.3	107.9	0.4	1.8
Clothing and Footwear	91.2	90.1	1.2	-2.6
Transportation	116.7	117.2	-0.4	5.9
Health and Personal Care	113.7	113.8	-0.1	3.0
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.1	101.1	3.0	3.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	131.4	131.1	0.2	1.7
All-Items Excluding Energy	114.2	113.6	0.5	1.3
Energy	132.3	133.9	-1.2	4.0
REGINA				
All-Items	117.9	117.8	0.1	1.3
SASKATOON				
All-Items	118.7	118.5	0.2	0.8

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Jan. 2010</u>	<u>Feb. 2009</u>
	<u>to</u> <u>Feb. 2010</u>	<u>to</u> <u>Feb. 2010</u>
Canada	0.4	1.6
Newfoundland	-0.2	2.6
Prince Edward Island	0.1	2.7
Nova Scotia	0.0	2.3
New Brunswick	0.2	3.2
Quebec	0.2	1.7
Ontario	0.5	1.8
Manitoba	0.3	1.3
Saskatchewan	0.2	1.0
Alberta	0.3	1.0
British Columbia	0.9	1.2
Whitehorse	0.4	0.6
Yellowknife	0.5	2.5
Iqaluit	-0.2	-0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Jan. 2010</u> to <u>Feb. 2010</u>	<u>Feb. 2009</u> to <u>Feb. 2010</u>
St. John's	-0.1	2.4
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.1	2.4
Halifax	0.0	2.1
Saint John	0.2	3.4
Quebec City	0.2	2.0
Montreal	0.2	1.6
Ottawa	0.6	1.9
Toronto	0.5	1.7
Thunder Bay	0.5	1.1
Winnipeg	0.3	1.2
Regina	0.1	1.3
Saskatoon	0.2	0.8
Edmonton	0.4	1.2
Calgary	0.3	0.7
Vancouver	0.7	1.2
Victoria	0.8	1.0
Whitehorse	0.4	0.6
Yellowknife	0.5	2.5
Iqaluit	-0.2	-0.6